1	PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW OF
2	CHANGES TO PUBLIC USES
3	2003 GENERAL SESSION
4	STATE OF UTAH
5	Sponsor: Ann W. Hardy
6	This act modifies municipal and county land use development and management
7	provisions to eliminate the requirement of planning commission review of certain actions
8	with respect to public lands or facilities.
9	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
10	AMENDS:
11	10-9-305, as enacted by Chapter 235, Laws of Utah 1991
12	10-9-1001, as last amended by Chapter 291, Laws of Utah 1999
13	17-27-305, as last amended by Chapter 179, Laws of Utah 1995
14	17-27-1001, as last amended by Chapter 241, Laws of Utah 2001
15	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
16	Section 1. Section 10-9-305 is amended to read:
17	10-9-305. Effect of the plan on public uses.
18	[(1)] After the legislative body has adopted a general plan or any amendments to the
19	general plan, no street, park, or other public way, ground, place, or space, no publicly owned
20	building or structure, and no public utility, whether publicly or privately owned, may be
21	constructed or authorized until and unless:
22	[(a)] <u>(1)</u> it conforms to the plan; [or] <u>and</u>
23	[(b)] (2) following three days notice and an opportunity for public comment, it has
24	been considered [by the planning commission] and [, after receiving the advice of the planning
25	commission,] approved by the legislative body [as an amendment to the general plan].
26	[(2) (a) Before accepting, widening, removing, extending, relocating, narrowing,
27	vacating, abandoning, changing the use, acquiring land for, or selling or leasing any street or



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28	other public way, ground, place, property, or structure, the legislative body shall submit the
29	proposal to the planning commission for its review and recommendations.]
30	[(b) If the legislative body approves any of the items contained in Subsection (a), it
31	shall also amend the general plan.]
32	Section 2. Section 10-9-1001 is amended to read:
33	10-9-1001. Appeals.
34	(1) No person may challenge in district court a municipality's land use decisions made
35	under this chapter or under the regulation made under authority of this chapter until that person
36	has exhausted his administrative remedies.
37	(2) (a) Any person adversely affected by any decision made in the exercise of or in
38	violation of the provisions of this chapter may file a petition for review of the decision with the
39	district court within 30 days after the local decision is rendered.
40	(b) (i) The time under Subsection (2)(a) to file a petition is tolled from the date a
41	property owner files a request for arbitration of a constitutional taking issue with the private
42	property ombudsman under Section 63-34-13 until 30 days after:
43	(A) the arbitrator issues a final award; or
44	(B) the private property ombudsman issues a written statement under Subsection
45	63-34-13(4)(b) declining to arbitrate or to appoint an arbitrator.
46	(ii) A tolling under Subsection (2)(b)(i) operates only as to the specific constitutional
47	taking issues that are the subject of the request for arbitration filed with the private property
48	ombudsman by a property owner.
49	(iii) A request for arbitration filed with the private property ombudsman after the time
50	under Subsection (2)(a) to file a petition has expired does not affect the time to file a petition.
51	(3) The courts shall:
52	(a) presume that land use decisions and regulations are valid; and
53	(b) determine only whether or not the decision is arbitrary, capricious, or illegal.
54	Section 3. Section 17-27-305 is amended to read:
55	17-27-305. Effect of the plan on public uses.
56	[(1)] After the legislative body has adopted a general plan or any amendments to the
57	general plan, no street, park, or other public way, ground, place, or space, no publicly owned
58	building or structure, and no public utility, whether publicly or privately owned, may be

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59	constructed or authorized until and unless:
60	[(a)] (1) it conforms to the plan; [or] and
61	[(b)] (2) following three days notice and an opportunity for public comment, it has
62	been considered [by the planning commission] and[, after receiving the advice of the planning
63	commission,] approved by the legislative body [as an amendment to the general plan].
64	[(2) (a) Before accepting, widening, removing, extending, relocating, narrowing,
65	vacating, abandoning, changing the use, acquiring land for, or selling or leasing any street or
66	other public way, ground, place, property, or structure, the legislative body shall submit the
67	proposal to the planning commission for its review and recommendations.]
68	[(b) If the legislative body approves any of the items contained in Subsection (a), it
69	shall also amend the general plan.]
70	Section 4. Section 17-27-1001 is amended to read:
71	17-27-1001. Appeals.
72	(1) No person may challenge in district court a county's land use decisions made under
73	this chapter or under the regulation made under authority of this chapter until that person has
74	exhausted all administrative remedies.
75	(2) (a) Any person adversely affected by any decision made in the exercise of or in
76	<u>violation of</u> the provisions of this chapter may file a petition for review of the decision with the
77	district court within 30 days after the local decision is rendered.
78	(b) (i) The time under Subsection (2)(a) to file a petition is tolled from the date a
79	property owner files a request for arbitration of a constitutional taking issue with the private
80	property ombudsman under Section 63-34-13 until 30 days after:
81	(A) the arbitrator issues a final award; or
82	(B) the private property ombudsman issues a written statement under Subsection
83	63-34-13(4)(b) declining to arbitrate or to appoint an arbitrator.
84	(ii) A tolling under Subsection (2)(b)(i) operates only as to the specific constitutional
85	taking issues that are the subject of the request for arbitration filed with the private property
86	ombudsman by a property owner.
87	(iii) A request for arbitration filed with the private property ombudsman after the time
88	under Subsection (2)(a) to file a petition has expired does not affect the time to file a petition.
89	(3) (a) The courts shall:

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90	(1) presume that land use decisions and regulations are valid; and
91	(ii) determine only whether or not the decision is arbitrary, capricious, or illegal.
92	(b) A determination of illegality requires a determination that the decision violates a
93	statute, ordinance, or existing law.

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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State Impact			
No fiscal impact.			
Individual and Busing	ess Impact		
No fiscal impact.			

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